

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claim 9 has been amended. Claims 9 and 10 are pending for further examination.

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Sampat. In response, Applicant has amended claim 9 herein in order to more clearly distinguish the teachings thereof. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

More particularly, Claim 9 has been amended to add the feature of using an audio control circuit as a D/A converter in order to receive a signal from a microphone connected to a microphone input connector for enabling karaoke to be performed using said apparatus.

Sampat does not teach or suggest a system as claimed that enables karaoke to be performed. Sampat is only directed to broadcasting of channels having video/audio and/or streams (see, e.g., col. 4, lines 7-14). Furthermore, Sampat does not disclose an apparatus having an interface enabling the user to select a karaoke mode. Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicant believes that the outstanding rejection of claims 9 and 10 has been overcome -- claim 10 being allowable at least by virtue of its dependency on independent claim 9.

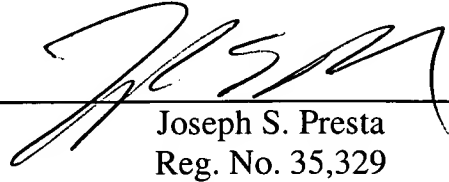
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In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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